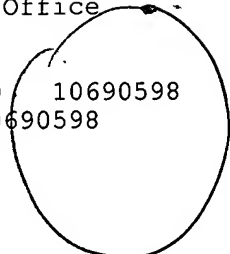


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005.

Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks as set forth on the following
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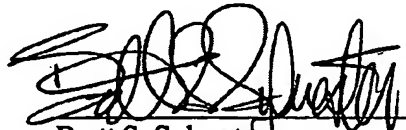
Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn because Hara and Esser do not disclose or render obvious the method of the present invention.

A *prima facie* case of obviousness has not and cannot be established based on Hara and Esser. In this regard, Esser does not teach the solubilization of alginic gels with the chelating agents disclosed therein, and appears to only teach the copper chelating property of these agents. Esser does not teach that the compounds disclosed therein are equivalent for solubilizing an alginate gel having a cultured cell formed thereon. Esser only teaches copper-chelating properties. Thus, there is no reason why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform the method of Hara with other chelating agents taught by Esser, with a reasonable expectation of success.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the §103 rejection of claims 1-10 based on Hara in view of Esser.

Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-seven (27) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and one (1) sheet of drawings. **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

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